Rajkot line is concerned, a survey for doubling of Viramgam-Surendranagar section which is a part of the Viramgam-Rajkot section has been completed recently.

(c) At present, there is no proposal to electify Ahmedabad-Rajkot railway line.

Linking the district headquarters with State capital

3518. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the proposal or progress of Jamnagar, Sabarmati broad gauge and Gandhinagar capital railway stations;

(b) the proposal/progress of Gandhinagar capital-Kalol Junction railway line;

(c) whether it is a fact that most of State capitals, avail direct link through passenger trains with district headquarters of the State; and

(d) the proposal to join and link the district headquarters with State capital in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Jamnagar and Sabarmati are already on broad gauge network. For connectivity to Gandhinagar from Delhi-Ahmedabad line, work of gauge conversion of Kalol-Adrej Moti with extension to Gandhinagar has already been completed and commissioned.

(c) and (d) The State capital of most of the States is connected by Railway line and the railway network provide connectivity to various parts of the State. In Gujarat also, Gandhinagar is connected with railway line. There is no policy of linking district headquarters with capital city through direct rail connections.

Complaints regarding quality of food

†3519. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that complaints regarding quality of food being served in the trains have been received by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to maintain the quality of food?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) Railways endeavour to provide hygienic food to the passengers at stations and in trains at reasonable prices. However, some complaints regarding quality, less quantity, over charging have been received. Appropriate action like warning, fine, termination of contract, counseling, etc. is taken on complaints found substantiated.

Railway lines in Orissa

3520. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) when his Ministry is going to complete Jakhapure-Banspani doubling and Haridaspur-Paradeep railway line; and

(b) whether his Ministry has any plan to take railway line to Dhamaraport *via* Navigaya, Jaipur, Akhandalman Pitha, Aradi from Jajpur-Keonjhar Road?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Jakhapura-Banspani doubling project is not sanctioned, Haridaspur-Paradeep railway line is targeted for completion in 2009-10.

(b) There is no proposal presently under consideration to connect Dhamrra Port from Jajpur-Keonjhar Road *via* Navigaya, Jajpur, Akhandalman Pitha, Aradij,

Acquiring land for railway projects

3521. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the existing laws for acquiring land for railway projects, etc. are inadequate, cumbersome and time-consuming;

(b) If so, whether the proposed amendments in the Railway Act, 1989 for expeditious acquisition of special railway projects like the proposed dedicated freight corridors, or for building world class railway stations would take care of such procedural delays; and

(c) whether steps have been initiated for acquiring land for new railway line Wardha-Yavatmal-Pusad-Nanded announced in railway budget, 2007-08?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Acquisition of land for railway projects under the existing provisions of Land Acquisition Act, 1894 even with emergency clause invocation, does entail lengthy procedure.

(b) The amendments in the Railways Act, 1989 affected through Railways (amendment) Act, 2008 are expected to result in faster and expeditious acquisition of land for special railway projects like Dedicated Freight Corridors or any other project notified as 'Special Railway Project.'

(c) The land papers would be processed once final location survey is completed and estimate sanctioned.

Microplan of railways

†3522. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Eleventh Five Year Plan has been implemented since 1st April, 2007;

(b) if so, the microplan of his Ministry in this regard;

(c) whether any zone-wise and division-wise microplan has been prepared on the basis of this macroplan;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the weightage given to the possibilities of transportation of passengers and goods keeping in view the backwardness of the area and development work being undertaken for fixing the priorities of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The Eleventh Five Year Plan covers the period from 1st April 2007 to 31st March, 2012.

(b) The Plan head-wise projected requirement of funds for the Eleventh Five Year Plan of Railways is as under:—

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